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Access EPA Information from Your Cell Phone

Why not blog on important environmental issues while waiting to pay for holiday gifts at the mall? No, you don't have to ask Santa for this present. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is launching one of the first government Web sites tailored specifically for cell phone users: <http://m.epa.gov>.

The world is getting more mobile, with estimates of more than 250 million cell phones in use in the U.S., and the EPA is going with you. The site has been tailored to load fast on a small screen, providing EPA information that visitors might need when they are away from their large-screen desktop computer. Services available on m.epa.gov include:

- How to contact the EPA national and regional offices
- Finding environmental information by ZIP code
- EPA news releases
- Greenversations blog, including the question of the week
- Links to other government mobile Web sites.

Over the coming months, the EPA will be adding more features. The EPA invites readers to complete a feedback form located on the home page.

New Technology Offers Faster

DCA Programs



Are you doing great things for the environment? Do you participate in voluntary environmental events? Does your workplace go above and beyond regulatory requirements? If you answered yes, then [KY EXCEL](#) is a program for you. [KY EXCEL](#) is a voluntary environmental leadership program where you can meet and interact with Kentucky's environmental leaders.



The [Operator Certification Program](#) trains and certifies wastewater and drinking water system operators to ensure that these environmental professionals are qualified and prepared to properly treat and protect Kentucky's water resources.



The [Brownfields Program](#) helps communities and property owners identify meaningful solutions that encourage the cleanup and redevelopment of underused, contaminated properties.

Leak Detection at Industrial Facilities

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is issuing [a final amendment to the leak detection and repair requirements](#) allowing the use of optical gas imaging technology to locate emission leaks. The leaks are displayed on a video screen similar to the way night-vision goggles are used to show the heat signature of objects. This amendment provides requirements for using the new technology; however, facilities may continue to use existing approved work practices to detect leaks.

This amendment modifies about 40 national rules requiring facilities to find and repair leaks from equipment, including pumps, valves and connectors, from refineries, chemical production plants and bulk liquid storage facilities. This amendment, which was proposed in 2006, will be effective upon publication in the Federal Register.

Final Rule on Reporting Hazardous Substance Releases from Farm Animal Waste

The EPA is announcing a [final rule](#) providing an administrative reporting exemption for air releases of hazardous substances from animal waste at farms.

This rule will enable response authorities to better focus their attention on hazardous substance releases that require a response, while reducing reporting burdens on America's farms. Notifications must still be made to response authorities when hazardous substances are released to the air from sources other than animal waste (e.g., ammonia tanks), and when hazardous substances are released to soil and water.

Comparable Fuels Exclusion Expanded

The EPA has finalized the [expansion to the Comparable Fuel Exclusion Rule](#). The rule allows certain secondary material, called emission-comparable fuel (ECF), to be safely burned for energy recovery in industrial boilers. ECF generates emissions when burned in an industrial boiler that are comparable to those from burning fuel oil.

Air Quality Regulation Updates

Please click on the links below for updated information on new or amended air quality regulations.

- [EPA Finalizes Approach to Fugitive Emissions](#)



Environmental laws can often be confusing and challenging. The [Environmental Compliance Assistance Program](#) helps regulated entities understand and comply with environmental obligations, advocates for entities underrepresented in the regulatory process and facilitates moving "beyond" compliance to environmental leadership.

- [Amendments to Air Emission Regulation for Petroleum Refineries](#)

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